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Committee Discusses the Future of Rosebud Battlefield

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) will be hosting the final Volunteer Advisory Committee meeting for the Rosebud Battlefield State Park Management Plan on Wednesday, February 27, 2008. The meeting will be held from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Big Horn County Courthouse, Commissioner's Chambers, at 121 3rd Street in Hardin, Montana.

At this meeting, members of the committee will consider the 37 public comments received on the draft plan and recommend changes for the final version. The plan outlines the vision for the park, priorities for preservation, alternatives for visitor services and facilities, goals for education and interpretation, means of managing the natural resources, and maintenance goals. The draft plan was open for public comment from October 16 through January 4 and can be viewed at the FWP web page and click on State Parks (www.fwp.mt.gov).

The public is welcome to attend and observe the meeting; however, the Volunteer Advisory Committee (VAC) members are by invitation only. A public comment period will be provided. The Volunteer Advisory Committee is a comprehensive group who has been providing input towards drafting a new management plan for the park.

Rosebud Battlefield State Park is the site of the 1876 Battle of Rosebud Creek between U.S. Army troops and Native American forces, including the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Nations, and preceded General Custer's fate at the Battle of Little Bighorn by eight days. This 3,052-acre park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Comments can be submitted and additional information can be found on the FWP web page under State Parks (www.fwp.mt.gov) or by contacting Sue Dalbey, State Parks Planner at 406-444-3764.

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